

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of using a first ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal together with at least one other ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal over a communications network, the method comprising:

configuring an audio playback unit in a first ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal to receive, store and play audio signals;

establishing a data channel connection through a communications network between the first mobile terminal and the at least one other mobile terminal;

establishing a voice channel connection through the communications network between the first mobile terminal and the at least one other mobile terminal;

audibly playing back audio signals by the audio playback unit in the first ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal;

transmitting the same audio signals by the audio playback unit over the first data channel ~~in the first communications device~~ to the at least one other ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal; and

audibly playing back the audio signals by the at least one other ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal, wherein the audibly playing back of the audio signals in the at least one other ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal occurs at least in part simultaneously with the audibly playing back of the audio signals by the audio playback unit of the first ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal.

2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim [[3]] 1, further comprising:

~~establishing a connection through a network between the first communications device and the at least one other communications device;~~

establishing a telephone conversation by transmitting contemporaneous voice signals ~~through a channel in a connection in a network~~ over the voice channel connection; and

simultaneously transmitting stored audio signals from the audio playback unit of the first ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal over the communications network to the at least one other ~~communications device through the connection in the network~~ mobile terminal.

5. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to claim 4, further comprising: of using a first mobile terminal together with at least one other mobile terminal, the method comprising:~~

configuring an audio playback unit in a first mobile terminal to receive, store and play audio signals;

receiving and converting into digital form in the first mobile terminal, contemporaneous voice signals;

mixing the contemporaneous voice signals and the stored audio signals; and

modulating and transmitting the mixed contemporaneous voice and stored audio signals from the first ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal to ~~[[the]]~~ at least one other ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal through a common channel in ~~[[the]]~~ a connection in ~~[[the]]~~ over a communications network.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the common channel comprises a normal telephone voice channel.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the common channel comprises a data channel.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to claim 3, further comprising:~~ of using a first mobile terminal together with at least one other mobile terminal, the method comprising:

establishing a connection through a network between the first ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal and ~~[[the]]~~ at least one other ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal;

establishing a telephone conversation by transmitting contemporaneous voice signals ~~through~~ between a first mobile terminal to at least one other mobile terminal over a channel in ~~[[the]]~~ a connection in ~~[[the]]~~ a communications network;

transmitting audio signals received by ~~[[the]]~~ an audio playback unit in the first mobile terminal from a service provider via the communications network to the at least one ~~communications device~~ other mobile terminal; and

transmitting the same audio signals from the service provider via the communications network to the at least one other ~~communications device~~ mobile terminal.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the audio signals are transmitted in a form of a digitized and compressed audio file.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the digitized and compressed audio file is compressed in a MP3 format.

12. (Currently Amended) A communications system, comprising:
a ~~first communications device~~ mobile telephone having an audio playback unit adapted to receive, store and play audio signals and a module adapted to receive, convert into digital form, modulate and transmit contemporaneous voice signals;

at least one other communications device

the audio playback unit operable to audibly play back stored audio signals the ~~first communications device~~ and the mobile telephone operable to transmit the stored audio signals over a communications network to the at least one other communications device; and

the at least one other communications device operable to audibly play back the audio signals, wherein the audible play back of the audio signals in the at least one other communications device occurs at least in part simultaneously with the audible play back of the audio signals in the ~~first communications device~~ mobile telephone.

13. - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ communications system according to claim ~~[[14]]~~ 12, wherein the mobile telephone is adapted for use in a public network.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ communications system according to claim ~~[[13]]~~ 12, wherein the ~~first communications device~~ mobile telephone is adapted for use in a wireless shortlink.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ communications system according to claim ~~16 further comprising~~ 12, wherein the mobile telephone incorporates an integrated audio device operable to receive, store and play back audio signals.

18. (Currently Amended) An accessory device for use with a ~~first communications device~~ mobile terminal adapted to be used in a communications system comprising at least one other communications device, the accessory device comprising:

an audio playback unit adapted to receive, store and audibly play back audio signals through the ~~first communications device~~ mobile terminal; and

a transmitter for initiating transmission of the audio signals to the at least one other communications device, such that said audio signals can be audibly played back in the at least one other communications device, wherein the audibly playing back of said audio signals in the at least one other communications device occurs at least in

part simultaneously with audibly playing back of the audio signals in ~~said first communications device~~ the mobile terminal.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ mobile terminal according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 1, adapted to operate in a GSM network.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ mobile terminal according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 1, adapted to operate in a GPRS network.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ mobile terminal according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 1, adapted to operate in an EDGE network.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ mobile terminal according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 1, adapted to operate in a WCDMA network.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ mobile terminal according to claim 16, wherein the wireless shortlink comprises a Bluetooth connection.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~first communications device~~ mobile terminal according to claim 16, wherein the wireless shortlink comprises an infrared connection.

25. – 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising using a digital audio player as the audio playback unit of the first communications device comprises a digital audio player~~ mobile terminal.

30. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising transmitting the audio signals are transmitted~~ in a form of a digitized and compressed audio file.